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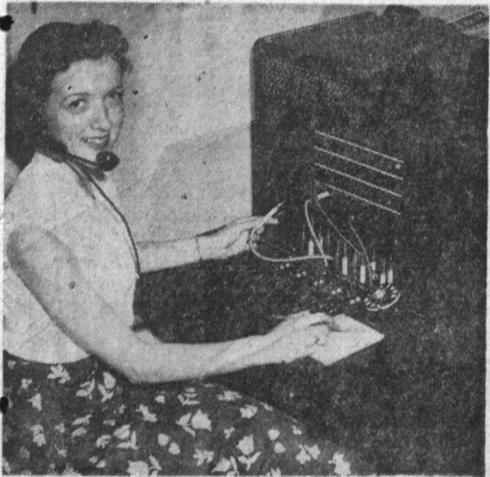


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QUEEN OF THE FAIR: Jacqueline Pagac, sponsored by the Soroptimists, was crowned Queen of the Torrance Community Fair last night. She will reign over the fair during its five-day run. Runner-up Ella Mae McCleod congratulates the queen.

City Council Asks Bids For Downtown Parking Meters



PROGRESS . . . The Torrance Press is the first newspaper in Torrance to have a switchboard installed and one of the few places in this city which offers this modern convenience. The new facility has been installed in order to handle the increased activity in all departments—display, classified, and editorial. Seen servicing the switchboard is attractive Sue Carter.

Residents Barricade Street To Stop Speeding Vehicles

Angered citizens threw up a road block across Avenue E on the Torrance-Redondo Beach boundary line last week in protest of the cars and trucks which kept speeding through this narrow residential street.

Chairs, tables, piano benches, boxes, and lumber were piled across the street, preventing the movement of traffic. The barricade was placed at the point where Torrance's wide Palos Verdes Blvd. narrow into Redondo's Avenue E. At this point, the street is barely wide enough for two cars to pass, when vehicles are parked along the sides.

When a Torrance motorist, Henry D. Caldwell, 5620 Palos Verdes Blvd., drove through the barricade, a piece of lumber struck one of the women standing nearby.

Her husband, Lawrence W. White, of Redondo and Caldwell, then engaged in a fight. Returns With Knife Caldwell drove off and returned shortly with a knife and



YUMMY, YUMMY: More than 300 youngsters received free chocolate milk, balloons, and comic books courtesy of Ben Cluff's Dairy at the Ben Cluff Day held in Scott Park Tuesday. Ann Barne, 7, of 23420 Dolores Street, and Paul Means, 11, of 324 E. 236th Street, seem to be pretty much pleased with Cluff's (right) idea.

400 Meters Proposed For Downtown

The City Council moved one step closer to obtaining parking meters for downtown Torrance when it asked City Manager George Stevens to obtain bids.

Stevens declared that he would ask for bids on both automatic and mechanical types as well as the single and double standards for the Council to consider.

Once the bids are awarded it will be a matter of days before downtown Torrance will have 400 parking meters installed.

No opposition was voiced to Mayor Nick Draie when he called for bids, Councilman Victor Benstead, who has been opposed to the meters in the past, was not present, however when this matter was taken up as one of the last orders of business, Benstead had retired after the major part of council business was taken care of.

The Council recently adopted the parking meter ordinance in the hope to solve downtown parking difficulties to some degree.

The ordinance calls for the installation of 400 meters on a trial basis along the following streets: Cravens ave., between Torrance Blvd. and Cabrillo ave., between Post ave. and Carson st.; Sartori ave., between Torrance Blvd. and Cabrillo ave., between Cravens and Border ave., Marcellina ave., from Border to Arlington ave., Gramercy ave., between Cabrillo and Carson and Post ave., and El Prado from Cravens to Border.

The meters will take pennies, nickels, and dimes, with the maximum parking being two hours at a cost of ten cents. Money collected from the meters will be used to purchase additional off-street parking facilities for Torrance residents.

Off-Street Parking
In order to purchase some off-street parking lots in the downtown area immediately, downtown property owners have agreed to form an assessment district whereby they agree to stand the cost of the parking lots.

AND THEN SHE BOUGHT A RUG . . .

It's an old story with a new twist. Mrs. L. Rodriguez of 17515 Delia had a brush floor polisher. She wanted to sell it so she placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR SALE—Slightly used Regina twin brush floor polisher. Price \$35 or best offer. ME. 4-0723

She received numerous calls Thursday morning and sold the polisher for the exact price she was asking.

There's nothing sensational about Mrs. Rodriguez's story. That's why it is so significant, because Torrance classified results are the rule rather than the exception.

Give it a try . . . 15 words for only \$1.00. A friendly classified girl will be glad to help you set up your ad. Call FA 8-2345. . . it'll only take seconds, especially now that the new switchboard has been installed.

Council OK's New Mortuary

The final chapter to the mortuary controversy was written once and for all Tuesday night when the City Council approved the variance for a new mortuary at Cravens and Engracia by a 4 to 1 vote.

The new mortuary is located across from Stone and Myers, which is the only mortuary at present in the city of Torrance.

Holding out against the mortuary till the very end was Councilman Albert Isen. Isen's several recommendations to table the matter for various reasons all died for lack of a second. Isen's vociferous objections to the variance several weeks ago were responsible for stalling the vote on the issue by a few weeks.

In Favor
The Council voted to grant the variance upon a motion made by Councilman Willys Blount and seconded by Councilman Victor Benstead. Also voting in favor were Mayor Nick Draie and Councilman Mervin Schwab.

One last attempt to defeat the variance which had twice been rejected for approval by the Planning Commission came when Jack R. Stearns, attorney representing two property owners, argued vigorously against the variance before the Council.

Arguments
Stearns argued that Halverson was not the actual owner of the property and that the Land Use Ordinance demands

Extradition Started For Wife Shooter
Extradition proceedings are now underway for Roy Howard Friend, 30, who shot his wife last week in Torrance and then surrendered to sheriffs in Wichita, Kansas, his home town.

A warrant of assault with intent to kill has been issued against Friend, according to Lt. Charles Gregory of the Lennox sheriff's office.

The 30-year-old Lawdale aircraft worker is wanted in connection with the shooting of his wife last Monday in front of a house at 3540 West Redondo Beach boulevard. Reports from Wichita indicate that Friend has agreed to waive extradition, deputies said.

After shooting his wife, Friend drove to Wichita, where he surrendered to Wichita law officials. He took his two children with him and left them with his parents in Wichita. The shooting occurred after a family argument.

Blind Woman Still Critical
Mrs. Margaret Stratford of 2129 Figueroa street, the blind woman who was crushed under the wheels of a 10-ton truck trailer last week, continues in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital this week.

Mrs. Stratford apparently became confused and walked into the side of the 10-ton gravel truck, San Ped police said.

After being knocked down, she was thrown beneath the wheels of the truck trailer.

As a result, she suffered multiple fractures of the jaw, a crushed nose, and severe face lacerations.

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JACQUELINE PAGAC WINS FAIR CROWN

Jacqueline Pagac, curvaceous St. Anthony high school senior, was crowned queen of the Community Fair last night at the festivities in her honor, having won this honor under banner of the Soroptimists. She received 725 cash votes and 200 bonus votes. Jacqueline sold \$5700 in tickets to the fair. Runners-up to the queen were Ella Mae McCleod, sponsored by the Lions Club, who finished with 3520 cash votes (\$358.30) and Pauline Gluecker, protégée of the Rod & Gun Club, who sold \$580.10 of tickets.

The attractive Jacqueline Pagac, who aspires to be a dancer, is ambitious to attend Pasadena Community Playhouse. Her majesty has Auburn

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PERFORMERS ENTERTAIN AT FAIR

One of the sparkling aspects of the Torrance Community Fair now having its five-day run are the nightly stage shows featuring a gallery of local talent.

The fair will be open through Sunday night of this week, with a show every night. Fair grounds are open from 8:30 p.m. till midnight on Saturday and Sunday. The grounds are located off Torrance boulevard corner Maple and Maricopa streets.

Entertainment is being sponsored by the Recreation Department. Performers include:

Sandy Gish, Yolanda Goldsmith, Dianne Powers, Ann Fleming, Lee Hughes, Deanna Shriver, Ruth Ellen Larson, The Four Echoes: Bob Jimenez, Buz Zamora, Bob Guerra, Gus Sanchez.

Other include: Tom Green, (Continued on Page 4)

MUNSON NAMED CHAIRMAN OF CITY CAMPAIGN

With the appointment this week of J. W. Munson as city chairman of the fall Chest Campaign in Lomita and Harbor City, all seven city leadership posts in the Harbor area have been filled.

AIRPORT SITE

\$2 Million Shopping Center Proposed Here

One of the largest real estate firms in California representing numerous leading retail shopping firms indicated interest this week in the city's 35 acre shopping center site on the Torrance airport.

A Coldwell-Banker and Company spokesman declared that their client is interested in putting in a \$2,000,000 development on this property located east of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.

Great interest was shown in Coldwell-Banker & Company's plans both by the Airport Commission to whom the request was made and by members of the City Council. The Commission asked that some concrete plans be submitted to them which in turn could be studied and then submitted to the Council if approved.

Noted Firms

The company represents such noted firms as Bullocks, Broadway, Montgomery Ward, Robinsons, Woolworth, and Lerner's, among others, according to Miles Blaine. Blaine, however, did not indicate which of these or other firms are interested in locating on the airport property.

The Coldwell-Banker and Co. spokesman de-

COLORFUL CARNIVAL MOOD PREVAILS

Thousands of residents attended the opening night of Torrance's spectacular Community Fair which started its five-day run last night.

Merchants, service clubs, industries, and numerous other groups and organizations which have been working on the affair in recent weeks extend an invitation to Torrance residents and residents of the near-by communities to participate in this colorful and exciting community project.

Localities and Hours

Fair grounds are located just off Torrance boulevard at the intersection of Maple and Maricopa streets. The grounds will be open every night from 5:30 p.m. till midnight, Saturday and Sunday. The fair will last through Sunday night.

The merchants, businessmen, and industry of Torrance have turned out full swing to present exhibits of all types of business and industry under the huge "Big Top." There will be over 100 exhibit booths, displaying a wide variety of products, including the latest automobiles and accessories.

Arrangements have been made to televise the fair Friday night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on channel 13. Oscar Maples Ford Agency will sponsor the program.

Through the facilities of the Torrance Recreation Department there will be a talent revue featuring different acts nightly from the stage inside the big top. At this same time each night, hundreds of dollars

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Man Charged With Theft, Manslaughter

Charged with grand theft and two counts of manslaughter in the traffic death of a mother and daughter last April 3, Corralles Acosta, 26, was found guilty by a Long Beach Superior Court jury Monday. Probation and sentence were set for September 7.

Although charged with taking the taxi from driver Frank Griffin, of Redondo Beach, at Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevard, and driving it to Pacific Coast Highway, Acosta denied that he could drive. He also denied taking the cab.

North Torrance

The North Torrance Voters, Inc., have received a letter from Senator Cecil R. King, stating that the new post office for North Torrance will be located on Crenshaw between 174th and 175th streets, and should be ready for occupancy by October 1.

declared that their client, Store Properties, Inc., would be the developer of the property.

Bob Haggard, local realtor expressed a desire to negotiate a lease for out-of-town investors who are interested in developing the city proposed commercial area. Haggard stated that he could not disclose his clients, but did state that his proposal would include a modern first class shopping area that would be a credit to Torrance.

Councilman Albert Isen, in commenting on this latest development, called it "the biggest thing that ever hit this city." He declared that Coldwell-Banker and Co. is the largest real estate firm in the state of California.

Isen tried to jump the gun, however, by suggesting the City Council take over negotiations immediately, thus side-stepping the newly established Airport Commission, to whom the matter has to be brought first.

Mayor Nick Draie opposed Isen's move, declaring that he was not about to take the authority away from the newly established commission. None of the other councilmen sided with Isen's proposal.

Industry Boosts Community Progress

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